

Amendments to the Specification:

Please **add** the Priority Information paragraph to the specification by inserting the following new paragraph before the first line of the specification:

This application is a National Stage Application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/EP2003/010307, filed on September 16, 2003, which claims priority of DE Application No. 10242879.4, filed September 16, 2002.

After the title and before the text, please insert the following line:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, with the following amended paragraph.

--The present invention relates to an ignition coil for ignition systems, in particular a rod ignition coil for internal-combustion engines, comprising at least one primary winding and at least one secondary winding, a high voltage being induced in the secondary winding when current flows in the primary winding. A ferromagnetic core is surrounded in part by the primary winding and the secondary winding and one of the two windings is additionally surrounded at least in part by the other. --

Before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 10 please insert the following line:

--BACKGROUND --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 23, with the following amended paragraph.

--It is accordingly the an object of the present invention to provide an improved ignition coil for ignition system, in particular a rod ignition coil for internal-combustion engines, which ensures increased reliability in operation and energy efficiency as well as a lower risk of overheating during operation.

~~This object is achieved by an ignition coil for ignition systems, in particular a rod ignition coil for internal-combustion engines having the features of claim 1.--~~

Before the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 31 please insert the following line:

--SUMMARY--

Before the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 10 please insert the following line:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Before the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 30, please insert the following line:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS--

Please delete the entire contents on page 15, no replacement page is required.